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ADvices from Vienna relate, That the Emperor's Reſident at Conſtantinople, has ſent Advice that the Turks continue to make great Preparations of War, but tho' they may be thought to be done with a View of gaining a Diverſion, when an Opportunity offers; yet the Imperial Court ſeem to be under little or no Anxiety about it, eſpecially ſince a Grand Alliance, Offenſive and Defenſive, in relation to the Turks, is concluded between the Emperor and her Czariſh Majeſty, into which Alliance they actually deſign to admit the Poles, who are grown ſo haughty, that there is no Hopes of prevailing with them, to redreſs the Grievances of the Proteſtants by amicable Methods. 'Tis adviſed from Warſaw of the 5th Inſt. That the Crown General has again excuſed himſelf from coming to aſſiſt at the Council of the Senate, by reaſon that in the preſent Juncture, his Preſence is neceſſary on the Frontiers, whither the King of Pruſſia, according to Letters from Berlin, was on the Point of giving Orders for his Troops to march.

Letters from the Hague intimate, that Count Coningſeck the Imperial Ambaſſador continues indefatigable in his Endeavours to diſſwade the States from entring into the Treaty of Hanover, and to induce them to accede to that of Vienna, in order to which he preſented the 14th Inſtant another Memorial, and the next Day he had a long Conference with ſome of the Lords of the Regency.

In the mean Time the Fears and Aprehenſions that ſome People were ſeized with, by the Inſtigation of ill deſigning Men in the Alley as they call it, begin to abate, and the Stocks have riſen ſince our laſt, viz. S. S. from 112 to 116. Ditto Annuities from 97 to 101, and the Bank from 121 to 126 1 4th, and India from 150 to 155.

On Saturday Night his Majeſty and the three young Princeſſes were preſent at the Theatre Royal in the Hay Market, to ſee the Performance of the Opera call'd Eliza.

On the 11th Inſtant, about 10 at Night, Sir Coyners Darſey's fine Seat at Aſtone in Nottinghamſhire took Fire, and before Help could be found, burnt down the Wing where the Lodging-Rooms and the richeſt of the Furniture were. Sir Coyners and the Lady ſtood up to their Knees in the Water and Snow to help, and tho' there were a great many People, yet little good was done till the Lord Carmaerthen's Engine came from Kelton, which is two Miles off, but it was ſo faſt frozen to the Place where it ſtood, and the Roads were ſo bad, that notwithſtanding 8 or 10 Horſes to draw it, the ſame was a great while before it came. In the mean Time 20 of the Lord's Servants being come with Buckets, work'd very hard, and after the Engine came, got it under by 4 in the Morning, ſo that the Body of the Houſe eſcaped, and the other Wing tho' with conſiderable Damage, a great Quantity of Plate, Jewels and Furniture were deſtroyed.

They write from Dublin of the 8th January, that they had there the Saturday and Sunday before, ſuch exceſſive Rains and violent Storms, that the Keys and many Streets were laid under Water. Abundance of Ships richly laden, are loſt at Cork, 300 Souls periſhed, and all that Part of the City called the Marſh, where are abundance of Warehouſes; the Water roſe on them ſeveral Yards, ſo that the Loſs of Merchandices is incredible. From all the Sea Ports we have dreadful Accounts of Shipwrecks. There were loſt in and about this Port, the two Brothers of Dublin from Briſtol, and 22 Paſſengers drowned. The Bleſſing from Roban, with Silk and Iron, a Sloop from Waxfoord, five Whitehaven Ships, and the Men of all theſe Ships drowned except one. A Ship from Ipſwitch loaden with 110 Tons of Lead, and the Men all drowned. There were loſt alſo between Greenoun Point and Carlingfoord Bay, about 30 Sail of Ships. Tomorrow there is to be a Council held at St. James's; 'tis ſaid the Earl of Iſla will then be appointed Secretary of State for Scotland, and that his Majeſty's Speech will be read and approved.

'Tis remarked among other Things, That the Dutch as well as the Swedes and Danes, have not fully anſwered our Expectations.

From the Evening Poſt, Jan. 18.

Rome, Dec. 29. On the laſt Day of the Jubilee the Pope performed the Ceremony of ſhutting up the Holy Gate of the Baſilick of the Vatican, in the Preſence of the Chevalier de St. George and ſeveral Princes. Thurſday laſt a certain Number of Cardinals appointed by the Pope, went to the Nunnery of St. Cecilia, and complimented the Prin-

ceſs Sobieski, on Account of the approaching Holy Days. The ſame Day Cardinal de Polignac had an Audience of two Hours with that Princeſs.

Geneva, Dec. 29. On the 17th Inſtant was elected here for Doge Mr. Alen Saluzio.

Vienna, Jan. 5. The Duke de Richlieu Ambaſſador of France, having ask'd our Miniſters ſeveral Queſtions concerning the Treaty between this Court and that of Petersburg, they anſwer'd him in obſcure Terms, amounting to no more than this, That the ſaid Treaty like that of Hanover, is for ſecuring the Tranquillity of Europe. Our Miniſter at the Ottoman Porte writes, That the Turks are making vaſt Preparations for War, and give out they intend to attack the Republick of Venice, and ſome other Chriſtian Powers. Our Miniſters flatter themſelves with the Hopes that the Crown of Sweden will at the Perſwaſion of the Czarina, come into the Vienna Treaty.

Amſterdam, Jan. 21. The old Emperor of China being dead, after a Reign of 61 Years, YON TCNIN, one of his Sons, took Poſſeſſion of the Empire, on the 27th of December 1722.

Paris, Jan. 14. The laſt Letters from Madrid ſay, That ſince the Return of the Duke of Riperda, the Conferences there are more frequent than ever, and that the ſame Office is fitting up for him which was formerly Cardinal Alberoni's. This Miniſter's Province is Foreign Affairs, with reſpect to Great Britain and the united Provinces; and we are aſſur'd, that the Affair of Gibralter and Portmahon, is the main Thing minded at Court.

London, Jan. 18. Tomorrow is the Anniverſary of the Birth of his Highneſs Prince Frederick, who then enters into the 20th Year of his Age.

From the Flying Poſt, Jan. 18.

Hague, Jan. 22. Letters from Rome ſay, That all the Cardinals by the Pope's Order went in their Robes to pay a Viſit to the Princeſs Sobieski, to wiſh her a merry Chriſtmaſs; but when they went to pay the ſame Compliment to the Chevalier, they were dreſt only in their ſhort Habits.

Wye's Letter, verbatim, London, Jan. 20.

'TIs ſaid the Courts of Vienna and Petersburg will favour the Deſign of Auguſtus, of having his Son the Electoral Prince of Saxony to be declared in the Grand Dyet, his Succeſſor to the Crown of Poland; but however this will be very difficult to effect, there being great Diviſions in the Kingdom, and a Powerful Party for King Staniſlaus, whoſe Son in Law, the French King, may probably contribute ſomething on his Part towards thwarting the above Deſign.

We don't know whether any Satisfaction is yet given to the Remonſtrances made by Great Britain and Holland, againſt the Commerce and Navigation of the Subjects of the Auſtrian Netherlands, in the Eaſt and Weſt Indies, upon the Foot of the Treaty which the Emperor lately concluded with Spain: But by the Memorial preſented ſome Time ſince by the States Ambaſſador to the Court of Madrid, it appears clear and evident, that the ſaid Treaty of Commerce is entirely contrary to the aim and Intention of the Treaties of Munſter and Utrecht, and that the King of Spain had no Right to conclude ſuch a Treaty of Commerce with the Emperor, therefore the ſaid Miniſter in the Name of their High Mightineſſes, moſt earneſtly intreat his Majeſty to be pleaſed to order that the moſt ſerious Regards, and the moſt ſuitable to the Importance of the Caſe may be had to their Remonſtrances, well weighing how far theſe Contradictions to the Treaties of Munſter and Utrecht, may in Time lead to ill Conſequences, and create Troubles in Europe.

And as for the Commerce of this Company, is ſo very prejudicial to us, by the yearly Loſs of our Specie, and the great Damage done thereby to the fair Trader, 'tis not to be doubted but the Parliament will take moſt effectual Methods for preventing theſe great Abuſes and Damages. 'Tis obſerved that the Imperialiſts have already reinforced the Garriſon of Oſtend.

The Reports which ſome Time ago were ſpread about the Town, that the Duke of Ormond had obtained his Majeſty's Pardon, muſt have been without Foundation, if it be true, as ſome Accounts from Madrid relate, that he lately delivered to the King and Queen of Spain, a Packet of Letters from the Pretender.

On Monday Night laſt Mr. Sibly an Exchange Broker, having ſuffered by the late Alteration of the Stocks, hanged himſelf at the White Hart at Tottenham, about 4 Miles from this City.

We have an Account that the Yatcht belonging to the Iſle of Man, bound from Liverpool to the ſaid Iſland, having on board the Governour and Biſhop's Son of the Place, with ſeveral Gentlemen, was lately ſtranded near Carlingford in the North of Ireland, but they were all ſaved except the Maſter, by a Fiſhing Boat, and we hear likewiſe of ſeveral Shipwrecks at Dundalk in Ireland, and many Lives loſt.

This Day his Majeſty made the following moſt Gracious Speech to both Houſes of Parliament.

My Lords and Gentlemen, I have had ſuch frequent Experience of the Wiſdom and Zeal of this Parliament, on many important Occaſions, that it is with Pleaſure I now meet

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you again, and I make no doubt, but that your Endeavours for the good and Service of your Country will be as ſucceſsful, as they have hitherto been.

The diſtreſſed Condition of ſome our Proteſtant Brethren Abroad, and the Negociations and Engagements entred into by ſome Foreign Powers, which ſeem to have laid the Foundation of new Troubles and Diſturbances in Europe, and to threaten my Subjects with the Loſs of ſeveral of the moſt advantagious Branches of their Trade, obliged Me, without any Loſs of Time, to concert with other Powers ſuch Meaſures, as might give a Check to the ambitious Views of thoſe, who are endeavouring to render themſelves formidable, and put a Stop to the farther Progreſs of ſuch Dangerous Deſigns. For theſe Ends I have entred into a *Defenſive* Alliance with the moſt Chriſtian King, and the King of Pruſſia, to which ſeveral other Powers, and particularly the States General, have been invited to accede, and I have not the leaſt Reaſon to doubt of their Concurrence. This Treaty ſhall in a ſhort Time be laid before you.

By theſe Means, and by your Support and Aſſiſtance, I truſt in God, I ſhall be able, not only to ſecure to My own *Subjects* the Enjoyment of many valuable Rights and Privileges, long ſince acquired for them, by the moſt ſolemn Treaties, but effectually to preſerve the Peace and Balance of Europe, the only View and End of all My Endeavours.

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons, I have ordered the Eſtimates for the *Service* of this Year to be prepared and laid before you, which, from an unwillingneſs I always have to put my Subjects to an extraordinary Expence by any unneceſſary Precautions, are form'd upon the Foot of employing no greater Number of Forces, than was thought neceſſary the laſt Year; for which, if the *Supplies* you give, ſhall be fully and effectually raiſed, I ſhall be enabled to have a ſtrong Fleet at Sea early in the Spring: If the Poſture of Affairs ſhall at any Time make it neceſſary to augment Our Maritime Force, I confide ſo entirely in the Zeal and Affection of My Parliament, that I aſſure My ſelf you will enable Me to make ſuch an Addition to the Number of *Seamen*, as ſhall be found requiſite.

My Lords and Gentlemen, It is not to be doubted but the Enemies to my Government will conceive Hopes, that ſome favourable Opportunity for renewing their Attempts may offer, from the Proſpect of new Troubles and Commotions: They are already very buſy by their Inſtruments and Emiſſaries in thoſe Courts, whoſe Meaſures ſeem moſt to favour their Purpoſes, in ſoliciting and promoting the Cauſe of the Pretender; but I perſwade My ſelf, notwithſtanding the Countenance, and Encouragement they may have received, or flatter themſelves with, the Proviſion you ſhall make for the Safety and Defence of the Kingdom, will effectually ſecure Us from any Attempts from Abroad, and render all ſuch Projects vain and Abortive.

When the World ſhall ſee that you will not ſuffer the Britiſh Crown and Nation to be menaced and inſulted, Thoſe, who moſt envy the preſent Happineſs and Tranquillity of this Kingdom, and are endeavouring to make Us ſubſervient to their Ambition, will conſider their own Intereſt and Circumſtances, before they make any Attempt upon ſo brave a People, ſtrengthned and ſupported by Prudent and Powerful Alliances, and, though deſirous to preſerve the Peace, able and ready to defend themſelves, againſt the Efforts of all Aggreſſors. Such Reſolutions and ſuch Meaſures timely taken, I am ſatisfied, are the moſt effectual Means of preventing a War, and continuing to Us the Bleſſings of Peace and Proſperity.

The humble Addreſs of the Houſe of Commons to the King.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Commons of Great Britain, in Parliament aſſembled, beg Leave moſt unfeignedly to congratulate your Majeſty's ſafe and happy Arrival in theſe Kingdoms: Nothing can equal the dread and Anxiety, which filled the Breaſt of your good People, whilſt your Majeſty's Sacred Perſon was expoſed to the Perils of tempeſtuous Seas, but the univerſal Joy that was inſtantly diffuſed throughout the Kingdom, upon the welcome News of your Majeſty's being ſafely landed on the Britiſh *Shore*.

We return your Majeſty our humbleſt Thanks for your moſt gracious Speech from the Throne, and cannot ſufficiently acknowledge, your Majeſty's great Attention and Care for the Preſervation of the Peace and Proſperity of this Nation, and the general Tranquillity of Europe.

The tender Regard and Compaſſion which your Majeſty has expreſſed for the diſtreſſed Proteſtants abroad, will give great Satisfaction to all, whoſe Profeſſion of the ſame Religion muſt inſpire them with a juſt Reſentment of the Injuries and Perſecutions which they ſuffer for the Sake of it.

Your Majeſty's Vigilance in watching over, and diſconcerting the ambitious Views and Deſigns of thoſe that are endeavouring to render themſelves formidable; your Wiſdom in early forming and entering into Alliances with Powers beſt able to withſtand the common Danger, and to put a Stop to the farther Progreſs of the Negociations carrying on by other Powers, and your particular Concern for the Trade and Commerce of theſe Nations, call upon us for all poſſible Returns of *Duty* and Gratitude.

And that your Majeſty's unwearied Endeavours for the particular Intereſts of your own Subjects of theſe Kingdoms, and for preventing a War, may have their deſired Effect; We your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Commons, promiſe and aſſure your Majeſty, that we will with the greateſt Chearfulneſs, Unanimity and Diſpatch, ſo effectually raiſe the Supplies for this Year, that your Majeſty may be enabled to have a ſtrong Fleet at Sea early in the Spring, ſufficient to protect and defend the Kingdom, to diſappoint the Hopes of the Enemies to your Majeſty's Government, and reſent any Inſults and Attempts, that be vainly projected and undertaken.

It is not to be wondred at, that in the low Eſtate to which the Affairs of the Pretender are reduced, his Emiſſaries and Inſtruments ſhould be waiting for every Opportunity that has the Appearance of being favourable to their languiſhing Cauſe, and as they have been buſy in Foreign Courts, the diſaffected and diſcontented here, have not been leſs induſtrious, by falſe Rumours and Suggeſtions, to fill the Minds of the People with groundleſs Fears and Alarms, in order to affect the publick Credit, and by diſtreſſing the Government, give Encouragement to the Enemies of our Peace.

But we promiſe our ſelves, that the Prudence, Temper, and Reſolution of thoſe that truly conſult their own Intereſt, and wiſh well to their Country, will on the one Hand prevent and obviate the Michiefs that by too great credulity and vain Fears they may bring upon themſelves; and on the other Hand we are determined to convince the World, that if thoſe who moſt envy our preſent Happineſs and Tranquillity, ſhall ſo far preſume upon the juſt Senſe and Value we have for theſe ineſtimable Bleſſings, as ſtill to purſue their deſperate Meaſures; how deſirous ſo ever we may be of Peace, we will not ſuffer your Majeſty and the Britiſh Nation to be inſulted; but that we will, to the utmoſt of our Pow-

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er, as the Exigency and Neceſſity of Affairs ſhall require, ſtand by and ſupport your Majeſty againſt all Attempts to diſturb the publick Repoſe.

From the Poſt Boy, Jan. 27.

London, Jan. 27. We hear that Yeſterday the ſeveral Officers belonging to the Regiments at Gibralter and Portmahon, who are here, received Orders to repair forthwith to their reſpective Poſts, on Pain of being caſhiered.

On Tueſday, 300 Warrants were iſſued for impreſſing Seamen; and the Officers have begun to put the ſame in Execution accordingly.

On Tueſday, the following Ships were put into Commiſſion at the Admiralty Office, viz.

The Grafton, Cap. Hardy, third Rate 440 Men, 70 Guns; the Hampton-Court, Cap. Hughes, 3d Rate, 440 Men, 70 Guns; the Preſton Cap. Reddiſh, 4th Rate, 280 Men, 50 Guns; the Chatham, Cap. Whitney, 4th Rate, 280 Men, 50 Guns; the Newcaſtle, Cap. Brown, 4th Rate, 280 Men, 50 Guns; the Swallow, Cap. Danſay, 4th Rate, 280 Men, 50 Guns; the Tyger, Cap. Davis, 4th Rate, 280 Men, 50 Guns; the Wincheſter, Cap. Luck, 4th Rate, 280 Men, 50 Guns; the Hampſhire, Cap. Weller, 4th Rate, 280 Men, 50 Guns; the Rocheſter, Cap. Atkins, 4th Rate, 280 Men 50 Guns; the Aſſiſtance, Cap. Eaton, 4th Rate, 280 Men, 50 Guns; Weymouth, Cap. Chamberlain, 4th Rate, 280 Men, 50 Guns.

Twelve of the Guard-Ships are ordered to get their Compliment of Men.

'Tis ſaid that ſeveral more Men of War will be put into Commiſſion this Day.

S. S. Stock 110 3 4ths. York Buildings 15.

Edinburgh, Febr. 1. On the 23d Inſt. Ralph Burnet, of Carpenter's Dragoons, is to be hang'd and hung in Chains at the Gallow-lee; at the ſame time, Alexander Napier and Helen Hutton are to be carried hence to Haddington, and to be hang'd there on the 25th; the ſaid Napier to be alſo hung in Chains: Purſuant to their Sentence by the Lords of Juſticiary, for the late *Murder* at Haddington.

N. B. The ſtampt Paper being now come to hand, we ſhall publiſh the *Mercury* Thurſday next, and afterwards thrice a-week as formerly.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

†¶† That upon Sunday the 23d January Inſt. there was ſtollen from a Gentleman's Houſe at Muſſelburgh, the Particulars following, viz. A large Medal of Gold, repreſenting the Siege of the Graave, one Five-Guinea Piece, 2 Two-Guinea Pieces, one Sovereign Piece, one double Louis d'or with the Face of the preſent King of France, one Moy d'or, one Ring with ſeven Diamonds, one Gold Thumb-Ring, two Hair-Rings with Briſtol Stones, one Gold Mourning-Ring, one Gold Locket with Hair and a Cryſtal on it, one Silver Heart large, of Philagrime Work, one Medal of Silver, about 4 Crowns Weight, with King Charles on Horſe-back, one piece of Silver, with the late King of France his Face, one Silver Medal, with a Face on the one Side, and the riſing Sun on the other Side, ſix Jacobus's five Carolus's, one Bonnet Piece of Gold, one Ducat, one Five-Merk Piece of Gold, one Silver Medal, with a white Horſe on one Side, and the old Duke of Brunſwick's Arms on the other Side, with a Hole in it, one Silver Medal water'd with Gold, with the Pope's Head, ſeven Guineas and a half, and one old Piece of Gold of an uncertain Coin, about 14 ſh. ſterl. Value. Any Perſon who ſhall diſcover any of the above Particulars, ſo as to be reſtored to the Owner, or to James Johnſton Senior, Merchant in Edinburgh, at his Shop near the Guard, ſhall be generouſly rewarded for the ſame.

† Signior Lorenzo Bocchi, has publiſhed an Opera of his own Compoſition by Subſcription, containing twelve *Sonata's* or Solo's for different Inſtruments viz. a Violin, Flute, Violincello, Viola d'a Gamba, and Scots Cantata, with Inſtrumental Parts, after the Italian Manner, the Words by Mr. Ramſay; with a thorow Baſs for the Harpſicord. The Subſcribers may have their Copies, which are all ready at Mr. John Steel's, and are deſired to call for the ſame at any Time before the 1ſt of March enſuing; and any Perſon that has not ſubſcribed, may likewiſe be furniſhed, there being more Copies caſt off than will ſerve the Subſcribers.

♭†♭ Juſt now come home from Cadix in Spain, a Parcel of large *Sevil* Oranges, to be ſold in Whole Sale or Retail, the whole Cheſt at 35 *Shillings* as they came home, and all freſh Fruit, at 40 *Shillings*, in Retail at reaſonable Rates; as alſo good Lemons, at reaſonable Rates, either in Wholeſale or Retail, all to be ſold in Leith, the firſt Loft above the Weighouſe.

†§† *Theſe are to give Notice, That the Truſtees and Managers of the Friendly Contribution, for Inſurance againſt Fire, have reſolved, That it ſhall be at the Option of all, who intend to enter into the ſaid Inſurance, to grant Bonds for their Capital Præmium, bearing Intereſt from Martinmaſs laſt* 1725, *or in the former Methods.*

¶*¶ The Lands and Eſtate of GRAITNEY, which were to have been Rouped the 7th of January Inſt. is Prorogate to the Fourth Day of February 1726: when the ſame will be expoſed to Sale, betwixt the Hours of three and four in the Afternoon, in the Houſe of Patrick Herdman Vintner in Edinburgh. The Progreſs of Writs and Condition of Sale, are to be ſeen in the Hands of Mr. James Baillie Writer to to the Signet, at his Writing chamber above the Exchange Coffee-houſe.

†¶† There was lately loſt out of a Gentleman's Pocket, a principal Paper, viz. a ſigned Nomination of Tutors and Curators by a Gentleman lately deceaſed. If any Perſon can give Notice of it, ſo as it be got back, let them enquire at John Paton Bookſeller in the Parliament Cloſs, and they ſhall have a ſufficient Reward; it is of no uſe but to the Owner.

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